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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed June 29, 2005, issued by the Examiner in the above-referenced matter. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between one of the following groups, which the Examiner has alleged as being distinct inventions:

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| Group 1 | Claims 1-6, drawn to method of finding a ribosomal frameshift sequence and apparatus therefor. |
| Group 2 | Claims 7-16, drawn to methods of modulation of gene expression comprising modulation of ribosomal frameshifting. |

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Group 3 Claims 17 and 18, drawn to therapeutic methods comprising modulation of ribosomal frameshifting.

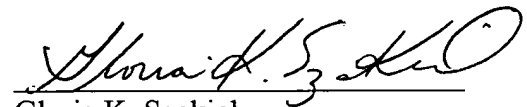
Additionally, the Examiner indicates that Group 2 includes more than one species of the generic invention, and requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species in Group 2 for examination.

Furthermore, the Examiner indicates that Group 1 reads on patentably distinct sequences, and requires Applicants to elect a single amino acid sequence in Group 1 for examination.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group 3, claims 17 and 18.

In view of the present response, we respectfully request that consideration of the Group 3 claims on the merits be commenced. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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